

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Spring is in the air again in Long Lake and it's great to see residents out and about enjoying the weather and interacting with each other again. One of the many great things about living in Minnesota is our four distinct seasons, and I always appreciate how each season brings something new and different.

Your city staff, City Council, and Planning Commission members have been keeping busy during the last several months. After many years of having zoning ordinance language regulating the industrial districts that was both difficult for property owners to adhere to and difficult for the City to enforce, the Planning Commission, Council, and staff worked along with input from property owners in the industrial area to adopt new zoning ordinance provisions that balance the needs of property owners with aesthetic and safety issues. Significant changes involved addressing storage screening/fencing, expanding allowable storage locations on properties, increasing the maximum percent of allowable screened storage and vehicle parking, and updating paving requirements. Thanks to all of those individuals who were involved in crafting our new ordinance, which became effective on March 26.

Another recent accomplishment was the Council's approval of the 2022 Pavement Management Plan (PMP). As I've mentioned before, we have significant needs when it comes to maintaining and rebuilding streets in our city. Each year staff and the Council work to prioritize the order in which streets are scheduled to be repaired or renovated. There is a balance between spending money to maintain roads that are in good condition to prevent them from deteriorating, and spending money to rebuild roads that are already in poor condition. For 2022, the PMP now includes a project for the resurfacing Creekside Drive, Bollum Lane, Bollum Circle, Orchard Circle, Meadow Lane, Westwood Drive, Kennedy Lane, and Valley View Road.

Your City Council continues to discuss our best options when it comes to the future of fire service in our city. As I mentioned in an update around a year ago, the City of Orono notified us that, effective December 21, 2025, they are terminating the agreement and contract for fire services that has been in effect since 2002. Orono is making plans to have their own fire department, which they will either locate at their current Public Works facility once a new Public Works facility is built, or they would like to buy Long Lake out of our 50% ownership in Fire Station 1 on Willow Drive. Orono's move will undoubtedly affect the future of the Long Lake Fire Department and the Council will continue to strategize on what the future of fire service will look like in our City.

I hope to see you at an upcoming event, such as our annual Memorial Day Ceremony in Nelson Lakeside Park, or the Long Lake Fire Department's "All You Can Eat Pancake & French Toast Breakfast" on May 1.

Wishing you all a happy Spring season!

Charlie Miner, Mayor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EARTH DAY "WALK FOR WATER"

Saturday, April 23 / 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



The Long Lake Waters Association (LLWA) invites everyone to an Earth Day "Walk for Water" event. Attendees will meet in Orono's Summit Park (455 E Long Lake Road) to

celebrate Long Lake's unique watershed while cleaning up the lake trail; and learning about invasive species, the carp project, and water quality from experts. There will be interactive activities to engage and inspire nature lovers. Event is dog friendly, and you'll need to bring your own water bottle. For more information or to RSVP, visit the LLWA's website at www.longlakewaters.org.

LONG LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT "ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE & FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST"

Sunday, May 1 / 8:00 am - 1:00 pm



Don't miss the return of the "All-You-Can-Eat Pancake & French Toast Breakfast" at Long Lake Fire Station 1, 340 Willow Drive. Enjoy pancakes, french toast, sausages and coffee a-plenty. New for this year's event,

there's no charge for admission. Attendees are welcome to make a donation if they choose - all donations received will benefit the Long Lake Firefighters' Relief Association. For more details about this event, please contact the Long Lake Fire Station at 952.473.9701.

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS IN NELSON LAKESIDE PARK

Monday, May 30

FitHAUS is hosting a "Memorial Day Challenge" hero-style workout event on Memorial Day from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, with athletes completing a series of 100 pullups, 200 pushups, 300 squats, and a one-mile run. Food truck(s) and vendors will be available, and spectators are welcome. All event activities will pause for a Memorial Day commemorative ceremony to be held at the Long Lake Veterans Memorial site in the park from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. The City of Long Lake gives thanks to Dave Shaughnessy of Orono Rotary Club for his continued dedication to organizing the Memorial Day ceremony!

DON'T WAIT, REGISTER OR UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION NOW

Are you a first time voter who is planning to vote in this year's elections? Did you move to Long Lake and haven't yet updated your voter registration with your Long Lake address? **We strongly advise you to complete your voter registration or update your voter registration NOW.** Go online at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us to access the voter registration portal site. Registering or updating your registration now is a good idea, and doing so will simplify your voting process in the coming elections. Please share this information with anyone in your households.



SPRING LEAF PICKUP DATES

City licensed refuse haulers annually provide spring and fall curbside leaf pickup dates at no cost to residents. Your refuse hauler will pick up leaves and yard waste on **Tuesday, April 26** and **Tuesday, May 3**. Residents are reminded

to set out their bagged leaves (no brush) early in the morning on those days. **Leaves must be bagged in compostable bags only, no other bags may be accepted.** Most hardware and home improvement stores carry compostable bags. Raking leaves, keeping leaves away from driveways, streets and sidewalks, and disposing of leaves properly keeps them out of storm drains and water bodies, where they release phosphorus and other unwanted nutrients. Thank you for doing so, as this helps protect the health of our lake and streams! As a reminder, city ordinance prohibits the burning of leaves or grass clippings; and it is a violation of city ordinance to put leaves from your yard into the street.



SPRING CLEANUP DAY EVENT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23

The annual Spring Cleanup Day for disposal of appliances, miscellaneous household items, e-waste recycling, and construction debris is currently scheduled to be held at the

neighboring City of Orono Public Works Facility (2700 Kelley Parkway) on Saturday, April 23 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Long Lake residents are welcome to participate, but must bring ID providing proof of Long Lake residency (MN driver's license or ID card). Cash, credit cards or checks will be acceptable for payment of item disposal fees. For a complete list of acceptable items and event information, please see the [Spring Cleanup Day flier](#) posted on the City's website at www.longlakemn.gov, or contact City Hall staff to request a copy be sent to you.

DISPOSE OF COMPOST AND BRUSH AT THE PLYMOUTH YARD WASTE DROPOFF

14900 23rd Avenue N, Plymouth / Phone - 763.509.5950

The Plymouth yard waste site is currently scheduled to open for the season on April 6. Open hours for the yard waste site are:

April 6 - August

Wednesday - Friday, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Closed on Easter, April 29-30, Memorial Day, and Independence Day

September - November

Wednesday - Friday, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Open through the last Sunday in November, weather permitting. Closed Labor Day and Thanksgiving

Residents may use the Plymouth yard waste drop-off site at no charge; however, you'll need identification (MN driver's license or State ID card) showing your Long Lake address for proof of residency. Please be prepared to debag materials at the yard waste site, and to take your bags with you when you leave. Materials accepted are spring/fall lawn rakings and thatch, leaves, soft vegetative garden waste, and tree waste (dirt must be removed from any roots). Unacceptable materials are stumps, lumber, sod, soil, and any other items not listed above. Questions, please call 763.509.5950.

INTERESTED IN ORGANICS RECYCLING? CONTACT YOUR REFUSE HAULER

Wondering what organics recycling is? Organics recycling is the collection of food scraps, food-soiled paper (pizza boxes from delivery, napkins/paper towels, paper egg cartons), and other compostable products and household items (coffee grounds and filters, houseplants and flowers, wooden items such as popsicle sticks and toothpicks, and facial tissues). By diverting these products to a commercial compost facility, they can be recycled into nutrient rich soil instead of ending up in a landfill.



Hennepin County now requires cities to make curbside organics collection available to residents. To meet the County's mandate, the Long Lake City Council adopted an ordinance requiring that the city's licensed residential refuse haulers make separated organics recycling curbside collection available to their Long Lake

customers. If interested in more information about organics curbside collection for your household, please call one of the licensed haulers below:

Republic Services and Randy's Environmental Services

Phone / 763.972.3335

Please note that Randy's Environmental Services has sold to Republic Services, and the two companies are in the process of fully integrating their operations under the Republic Services hauler name. Republic Services and Randy's refuse hauling services for the Long Lake area are mobilized from the Delano / Randy's location at this time. Organics collection service is currently available to Republic Services and Randy's accounts.

Waste Management

Phone / 952.890.1100

Organics collection service will be available on or before June 1.

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ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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